

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The applicants' attorneys appreciate the Examiner's thorough search and remarks.

Claims 12-17 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 11 has been deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. Thus, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 11.

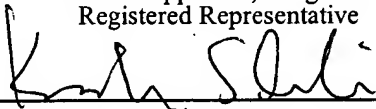
Furthermore, claim 18 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 11.

The application is, therefore, believed to be in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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